State/UT	FPI Units approved for assistance by MFPI	Cold Storages assisted by MFPI
Manipur	25	1
Meghalaya	4	2
Mizoram	2	-
Nagaland	6	-
Orissa	11	3
Pondicherry	5	-
Punjab	64	3
Rajasthan	23	-
Tamil Nadu	65	-
Tripura	4	-
Uttar Pradesh	77	2
Uttaranchal	13	-
West Bengal	45	14
TOTAL:	803	70

Proposal for establishment of Food Parks in Andhra Pradesh

562. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposal from the Andhra Pradesh Government for establishment of Food Processing Parks in the State;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has furnished the information required by Government;

(c) if so, the reasons for not considering these proposals till now; and

(d) the time by when Government are likely to clear the said proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has sanctioned a food park at Kuppam, District Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh. Two more proposals have been received for financial assistance for setting up of Food Parks in Andhra Pradesh (East Godavari District). The proposal have been scrutinized and required supporting information has been called for which is awaited.

Functioning of Food Testing Laboratories in the Country

563. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food testing laboratories functioning at in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Food Analysts employed with the Ministry;

(c) the food manufacturing items which are exclusively reserved for the small scale industries (SSIs); and

(d) whether current standards of food safety are identical for the items reserved for the SSIs and those which are not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) A number of food testing laboratories are functioning in Public and Private sector in the country. There number is estimated to be about 280. Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) does not setup food testing laboratories on its own and therefore, has not employed Food Analysts. Since MFPI provides financial assistance for setting up/up-gradation of food testing laboratories, it has assisted 29 organizations, so far, under its Plan Scheme. A statement indicating State-wise number of food testing laboratories assisted by MFPI is annexed. *(See* below)

(c) Food manufacturing items which are exclusively reserved for the small scale industries (SSIs) are as under: